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Auctioneers, 241 ST. JAMES STREET.  
MR. JAMES SCOTT, late of Toronto, the well-known  
Auctioneer, will give his personal attention to the  
Dry Goods Department.The old A. T. Stewart building on Broadway  
and Chambers streets, New York, has been sold  
to Judge Hilton for \$2,100,000.G. A. SCOTT, late manager of the Q. M. O. &  
O. Railway has resigned his position as general  
manager of the provincial railways of Nova  
Scotia, owing to these roads having been re-  
cently merged in the Intercolonial by the  
Dominion Government.The customs duty collected at the port of  
Toronto for February was \$357,861, being a  
decrease of \$51,155 on February, 1883. The cus-  
toms receipts at St. John, N.B., in February  
amounted to \$52,230, a decrease of \$1,761 com-  
pared with the same month last year.JOHN P. WILGANT, a druggist of Kincardine,  
Ont., has assigned in trust, through the incon-  
veniences and expenses arising from four differ-  
ent fires, which occurred in his vicinity, but  
none of which, however, originated on his  
premises.—Jas. E. Belcher, a billiard-saloon  
keeper and cigar dealer at London, Ont., hav-  
ing been getting behind latterly, has disposed  
of nearly all his furniture and stock, and has  
left for the United States.The loan now being floated makes an addition  
of 3,556,000,000 francs to the debt of France in  
the last six years. The new rents will amount  
to 457,000,000 francs, though it will net the  
Government only 350,000,000, as the rate of

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**WAREHOUSE:****517 to 525 ST. PAUL STREET, MONTREAL.**issue is 76.60. The loan of 1,000,000,000 francs  
in 1881 was issued at \$3.25, so the present rate  
shows a depreciation of 6 francs 65 centimes in  
the credit of the Government in three years.—Ex.The U. S. SECRETARY speaking on the subject  
of silver agitation, said he did not think the  
action of the treasury would precipitate any  
misfortune upon business men or upon the  
country. The discussion of the matter would  
draw public attention more strongly to the  
matter of the coinage of silver dollars, and lead  
to a judgment in the public mind of the useful-  
ness, or contrary, of that practice.Mrs. MORDEN, milliner at Picton, has failed,  
with estimated liabilities of \$2,000, and assets  
\$3,000. She offers her creditors 40c on the  
dollar, payable in three, six and nine months,  
unsecured, which they have refused. The  
sheriff in the meantime has taken possession of  
the stock under an execution issued in favor of  
her husband and son. Mrs. Morden attributes  
her difficulty to dulness of trade.F. T. BRADLEY, collector of customs at Em-  
erson, Man., was arrested and taken to Winnipeg  
on the 26th ult., charged with destroying mani-  
fests of coal, duty on which was several thou-  
sands of dollars and appropriating the same.  
He is also charged with embezzling \$4,000 of  
government moneys. On arriving at Winnipeg  
he was taken with convulsions and was in a  
critical condition at last accounts.MR. HENRY D. DARLING, president of the  
Board of Trade, Toronto, has retired from the  
old established firm of Wyld, Brock & Darling,  
and it is said intends starting business on his  
own account. Mr. Darling has always found  
time amid the pressure of personal business to  
devote much attention to matters of interest to  
the entire mercantile community, and it is to  
be hoped that his valuable services in these re-  
spects may still be available.On Wednesday last two cents at the Board  
of the Stock Exchange were sold by auction.  
That of Mr. C. G. Gaddes, sold for \$4,700, was  
purchased by Mr. John Low; the other, the prop-  
erty of the late Mr. John Mont, was disposed  
of for \$5,000 to Mr. P. K. Lindsay, who, it is  
understood, bought it for a gentleman connect-  
ed hitherto with a leading bank. These are the  
highest prices obtained in the history of the  
Exchange.SPECULATORS are bears on the situation and  
bulls on manipulation. The main reason as-  
signed is that with money so plentiful in banks  
they cannot really pay more than 3 per cent on  
deposits. Hence with stocks at about present  
prices, which pay from 5½ to 11 per cent, the  
tendency will be to increase investment in  
them. The larger banks will not agree to pay  
interest on large amounts unless specially  
arranged for.The firm of Watson & Fleming, general mer-  
chants, Nelson, Man., whose assignment was  
recently noticed, are offering to compromise at  
30 cents in the dollar payable in six months,  
secured by endorsement. Their liabilities are  
\$2,200 and assets \$1,700 in stock and book  
debts. The firm opened up in 1882 with a  
capital of \$3,200 in stock. Their failure is at-  
tributed to insufficient knowledge of the business,  
the partners having been engaged in farming  
and milling, respectively, prior to 1882.C. W. WIDEMAN & Co., general merchants  
at Parkhill, Ont., have failed, with liabilities of  
\$5,500, and assets \$3,300, represented in goods  
and book debts. They have submitted an  
offer to their creditors of 40c on the \$1,  
payable in 3, 6, 9 and 12 months, with the last  
payment alone secured. Their starting capital  
was \$2,000, and have, since entering into  
business, enjoyed a general good character,  
which no doubt will facilitate their getting a  
settlement.